

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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| In re Application of: | Hitoshi Inoue | < | Confirmation No.: | 7303 |
| Application No.: | 10/702,170 | < | | |
| Filed: | 11/4/2003 | < | Examiner: | Steven Y. Kau |
| For: | IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS, METHOD OF SETTING TONAL GRADATION CONVERSION CHARACTERISTICS, AND COMPUTER PROGRAM | < | Art Unit: | 2625 |

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION / AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims that begins on page 4 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 6 of this paper and a new sheet illustrating a new drawing Fig. 18 is submitted herewith.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.